

WET AMENDMENT IS A HOODOO

Cannot Stand Up Under the Light of Publicity.

LIQUOR MEN IN THE DUMPS

Opinions of Attorneys Cause Even Conservative Liberals to Declare They Will Vote Against the So-Called Home Rule Amendment.

Columbus, O.—The Ohio liquor men are looking on their home rule amendment as a hoodoo that is working overtime, and their great fear now is not only that it will be defeated, for that seems evident, but that it will be a big factor in the adoption of the prohibition amendment.

The wet amendment never had many admirers. From the beginning it was looked upon with distrust. The wets had the hopes that the people would not carefully scrutinize it, and that in the heat of a great political campaign the white light would not be turned upon its defects.

They said it would destroy the county option law, and that under it the legislature could not enact any prohibitory laws. They did not say even that oftener than they could help. They affirmed it to be a home rule measure, although the words "Home Rule" are not found in it.

Then the big judges and lawyers began to examine the amendment and an explosion followed. These legal lights were not connected with the Anti-Saloon league, and had never acted as counsel for it or any other temperance organization. These men, learned in the law, said this home-rule amendment is about as a deceptive piece of work as has ever been constructed.

They said it would not only destroy county option and prohibit the legislature from enacting any further temperance laws, but that it would destroy the Sunday closing law, the law prohibiting the sale of liquor to minors and drunkards, and that it would make permanently wet all townships in which are no incorporated towns. Other lawyers pointed out that it is an attack on the initiative and referendum, and that if adopted the people as well as the general assembly would be prohibited from enacting prohibitory laws. Some of the judges who took this position are W. J. Davis, former judge of the supreme court; Judge Killetts, now on the federal court bench at Toledo; Judge Henry, for seven years on the circuit bench in Cleveland; Judges Wildman and Hurin, for many years on the circuit bench; Judge Bambach of Brown county; Judge Broderick, Union county; Judge Peebles, Meigs county; Judge Anderson, Youngstown, and a large number of prosecuting attorneys.

That stirred up a hornet's nest. It was the kind of publicity the liquor men did not want their home rule amendment to have. The hoodoo was working and they set about to check its ravages. They bought a page in many of the big papers of the state, and not a few smaller ones, which cost thousands of dollars, and they filled this space with opinions of lawyers who said the home rule amendment is only half as bad as painted, and that it would only destroy county option and tie up the people and the legislature so they can not enact any prohibitory laws.

Then the wets smiled and said, "Now we have settled the matter and the hoodoo amendment will quit giving us so much trouble."

But reports from over the state are to the effect that the publicity given the home rule amendment through this advertising has set the hoodoo working harder than ever. The storm of opposition to the amendment has broken out afresh. Somebody has discovered, and backed his discovery with the proofs, that half the attorneys whose opinions the liquor men bought space for are accustomed to appear as paid attorneys of the liquor dealers, while the explanations of the others failed to satisfactorily explain.

Other lawyers are bobbing up all over the state and are declaring that the home rule amendment will repeal about all the good temperance laws Ohio now has, and are proving their case.

But this is not all. An army of conservative voters who do not know anything about the points of law involved are having their attention attracted to the amendment, and now they are saying that they will be hanged if they are going to vote for a constitutional amendment when the big lawyers can not agree as to what it says. They say anything that goes into the constitution should be easily understood. Anyhow, why should the county option law be repealed? Forty counties have tried it for six years, and they like it so well the wets can not vote them wet. If they do not want the saloon, why force them to have it?

The wets are loading the mails with literature claiming the opinions of the judges as published by the dries were based on a garbled copy of the brewers' amendment. This, the dries assert, is not true, and claim that the liquor men are making a fuss over a trivial matter in order to cover up the really dangerous features of the proposal.



Above is a picture of the beekeepers who met at Medina at the time of the field days of the Ohio State Beekeeper's Association, July 9 and 10. This picture was taken in the forenoon of the second day, and represents something over a hundred people. It is possible to identify only a few persons in this group from all the

rest. In the bottom at left is Pres. W. A. Matheny. On his right is Mr. L. W. Boyden, who married A. I. Root's youngest daughter. The next is E. R. Root, and next to him is Mr. M. D. Tyler of Seville. Mr. J. H. Donahay, the celebrated cartoonist of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, is in the center; and with him on his left is A.

I. Root. Back of E. R. Root's left is Mr. Moore, the largest honey-producer in the State, unless it be Mr. Fowls. At the left of A. I. Root is A. I. Root second, the boy standing on his knee. Mr. Chalon Fowls, the honey-bottler, and one of the largest producers, of Oberlin, appears third from the right in the second row. In the back row,

out on account of their position; for example, Prof. Hines, of the State University, Columbus, Prof. N. E. Shaw, entomologist and State foul-brood inspector, and last, but not least, Jay Smith of Vincennes, Ind., who is sometimes called "The Jay."

LOOK AT THE LABEL ON YOUR PAPER. PLEASE RENEW.

BURBANK

E. C. Over of Toledo with his daughter, visited his old home and friends here last week.

Mrs. P. Gaberdiel and Mrs. E. B. Upton of Mendon, O., arrived Friday for a short visit and were guests of their cousins, Mrs. F. W. George and Miss S. E. McCoy.

Ruth Hartel has been quite sick with an attack of typhoid fever. Many from here were in attendance at the Wooster county fair.

Mrs. Connie Washburn of Wadsworth was here for a few days helping care for her little sister Ruth Hartel.

W. D. Reichard returned Monday from a pleasant trip to Michigan and Fostoria.

The regular meeting of the aid society of the U. B. church will be held at the home of Clyde Steele on Thursday of this week.

Robert Boyken with wife and son of Kent visited Charley Miller and wife the first of the week.

The Aid society of the U. B. church will serve dinner at David Martin's on Tuesday, Oct. 20.

BEEBETOWN

Mrs. White from Cleveland has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Hoyt. Mr. and Mrs. George Lewis are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Eva Ward has been spending a week with relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence from Cleveland were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Killian Sunday.

Mrs. Bessie Ward and sons Arthur and William visited in Medina Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde VanDeusen were callers in town Monday.

COPLEY

Stella, the little daughter of Elmer Franks fell one day last week while in the corn field and broke her arm. She broke the same arm last spring, also.

H. M. Low is taking his vacation and went to Alabama to visit his brother, Hart Low.

There was a good attendance at the aid society at Mrs. Parker's last Thursday.

Two quarts of strawberries have been picked by Harry Griffin. Ansel Miller lately picked seven quarts from the everbearing variety.

Mrs. Shannon of Coshocton, is staying with her daughter, Mrs. Trego.

William Ritchie and wife of Akron, visited friends here last week. He is on his vacation, being employed in the Akron postoffice.

Alexander Fryman has been ill for a few days.

A. E. Arnold of Akron, is calling on many old friends.

Stanley Long had one of his big sun flower blossoms on display at school. It contained 3021 seeds.

Joseph Taylor and wife were called to Akron on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Perry Taylor.

The Sunday school will have a masquerade social Friday evening.

Mr. Evans of Akron has bought the blacksmith property and will move his family as soon as Mr. Kremer can finish his house on the farm he bought of Caskey Brothers.

Seth Minor and wife, formerly of this place, are happy over the arrival of their first grandson at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Myers of Akron.

Mrs. V. Sturdevant, an aunt, visited Mrs. Randall last Friday.

Miss Marie Davis of Kent normal spent Sunday with relatives here.

Stricken with apoplexy Saturday evening as she was preparing dinner, Mrs. Lottie Harpster Mills, 58, resident of Copley Center, lay unconscious until Monday night, when she passed away. She has been a resident here for about 36 years, coming here as the bride of C. D. Mills, a painter. The husband and two children survive, the children being Charles Mills of Akron, employee of the Hardware Supply Co., and Mrs. Nellie Tupper of Akron, employee of the Akron Belting Co. The funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, at the Methodist church. Burial will be at Copley.

LAFAYETTE

Mrs. Wayne Carlton, 41, in Ellyria from Thursday until Friday.

There will be an essay contest between the schools of the township on Friday evening, Oct. 16 in the Congregational church. Admission, 5 cts; children free. Exercises to begin 7:30 standard.

Mrs. J. W. Griffin returned from Wadsworth Tuesday, where she has been visiting since Friday.

Supt. Tuttle and little son of Sycamore, O., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tuttle, the latter part of last week.

Ray Wiles and bride of Cleveland spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wiles.

Miss Letha Carlton was in Lodi Saturday evening and Sunday, guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. W. Gates.

The children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. James Lance gathered at the old home last Saturday to celebrate the 45th anniversary of their wedding day.

G. W. Carlton and C. J. Blanton attended the Wooster fair last Thursday.

CANAAN BEND

Canaan Bend was well represented at the Wayne county fair.

Mrs. Henry Colline is on the sick list.

Mrs. Clarence Swartz and son of Burbank, spent Saturday at the home of Frank Leggett.

Mrs. Tom Bailey of Medina, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Simon Fetzer.

H. Collins and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Snyder at Burbank Friday.

C. E. Ackerman and wife, Mrs. Jennie Unks and Mrs. Ester Jost of Akron, Mrs. J. I. Goodyear and Mrs. Knox of Sterling, visited at the J. D. Whonseller home Wednesday.

Orphus McCoy, wife and son spent Sunday with Mrs. Gault.

Mrs. Blatt and three daughters from Cleveland, spent Sunday at the Mart Haas home.

Levi Tanner and family had for their company Friday Wilber McCall, wife and son of Creed, Colo., George Tanner and wife and Edwin Tanner of Camden, Mich., Emma Palmer and Sue Griffith of Akron; Harry Tanner and wife and Mrs. Bechtel of Creston.

Mrs. H. A. Bowman visited her sister, Mrs. Charles VanOver near West Canaan, Monday.

LITCHFIELD

Mrs. Kittie Farnum and daughter Alice of Cleveland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith.

Mrs. Frank Carpenter of Parkersburg, W. Va., is visiting her parents, Walter Canfield and wife.

We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Canfield, who were married Saturday, Oct. 3. They will make their home in Litchfield.

Rally Day exercises at the Congregational church Sunday morning, passed off very pleasantly, with a short program of music and recitations and a talk by the pastor. But the best of all was the Sunday school hour, 148 were present. We wish everyone who was there would be on hand every Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Sears are spending the week with their son Earl at Pittsfield, Lorain County.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the North road. About 35 men are at work. Mr. Warren, the contractor, hopes to finish the cement work in ten days if the weather is favorable.

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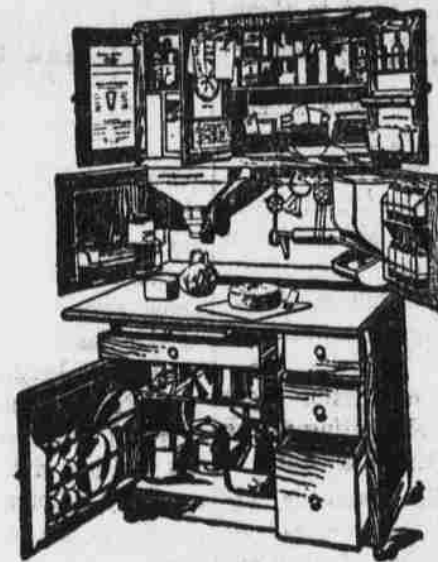
Like our good ministers of the gospel, we hope we are doing you some good by being here. Also like our good M. D's, we wish we could do more for you than we can.

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LEST IT BE FORGOTTEN

Six years ago graft was driven out of the state house in Columbus. Interest on public funds had long been diverted to private pockets. The people were told it was none of their business when they inquired what was being done with their money in the state treasury. Then they replaced the Republican officeholders with Democratic servants. These servants have been true. But the old crowd, with the itching palms, are aching to get back.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE HAVE TO SAY.



Boiler Sale

We have a few boilers, slightly damaged. We are offering them at half price and less. Your choice \$1.25

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